

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are currently pending in the above application. Applicants herein acknowledge the allowance of claims 19-36.

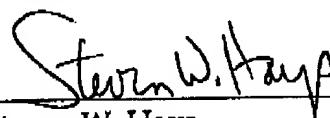
Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crawford et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,970,113) in view of Nakagawa et al. (Japanese Patent No. 04315985A). Claims 3-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crawford et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,970,113) in view of Nakagawa et al. (Japanese Patent No. 04315985A) in view of Sasaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,672). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections for reasons stated in their September 19, 2003 Response. However, in an effort to move this case towards allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 19-36 are in proper form and allowable over the cited prior art. The Examiner is authorized to charge and/or credit any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0476 in the name of John A. Artz, P.C. as relates to this application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain.

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